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IKE'S ROLE HIT BY SYMINGTON

Senator Criticizes the President's Record in Defense and Foreign Policy

A WAR DANGER IS Seen

The President Must Exercise Powers to Prevent Conflict, He Asserts.

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Washington, May 11.—Senator Symington of Missouri, seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, said here today his conception of the presidency does not coincide with that of President Eisenhower.

In a speech at the National Press club Symington departed from an academic discussion of the "role of the President" to take a couple of veiled jabs at Eisenhower, including one about the spy plane incident.

Deplores "Sorry State."

"There has never been a time when our powerful regulatory agencies have been in such a sorry state," the senator said.

He took a pot shot at the President's handling of the international situation when he said "for any fair-minded observer who is willing to face the international situation knows that we are still going along, hoping for something to turn up!"

He said the quotation was from a speech by Sir Winston Churchill in 1948 when Churchill was discussing the affairs of his own country.

Increase in Power

In recent years more and more power has been turned over to the President by Congress, Symington said, to make Mr. Eisenhower the oblique target of his talk.

There was a veiled hint that war could come from some action of the chief executive.

"Today the President must be in firm control of the military and its related activities," he said—obviously referring to the spy plane incident. "For war and peace are no longer stale events. War can be

started in an instant, through a mistake, or confusion resulting from faulty organization."

"Must Be Master."

Another point Symington stressed the role of the President in foreign affairs.

"If the President is to be master of his foreign policy, he must not only supervise the State department, but also give attention to the Defense department, CIA, the Atomic Energy Commission and those agencies which in this modern age play a part in the conduct and execution of foreign policy," he said.